



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

CRABBS BRANCH WAY PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Project to Begin October 21, 2013

PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming pedestrian safety and intersection improvement project on Crabbs Branch Way in Derwood, between Calhoun Place and Gude Drive, and describe the process.

INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Highway Services (DHS) evaluated this location to find ways to improve pedestrian and traffic safety along Crabbs Branch Way. After confirming the situation, a plan has been developed that should slow traffic and enhance pedestrian safety and bus stop access.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Contractors will install a new concrete median and refuge island for pedestrian crossing and a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Crabbs Branch Way and Calhoun Place. This includes associated curb, gutter and sidewalk modifications necessary to ensure compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. In addition, The intersection of East Gude Drive at Crabbs Branch Way will undergo

pavement milling and lane restriping to improve both traffic and pedestrian safety. MCDOT will be managing the planned improvement project as well as providing inspection for quality assurance and quality control.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Lay out the modifications according the planned design.
2. Provide temporary traffic control that includes lane closures with temporary traffic markings and traffic drums or cones.
3. Construct new refuge islands, marked crosswalks, and ADA compliant wheelchair ramps along Crabbs Branch Way.
4. Mill and restripe the intersection of East Gude Drive and Crabbs Branch Way.
5. Perform patching of the roadway, as needed.
6. Install permanent traffic signs and additional pavement markings.

SCHEDULE

This project is scheduled to begin on or about October 21, 2013, and will take approximately five weeks to complete, weather permitting. Construction hours for this project will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am

and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Temporary traffic control devices will remain in place until the project is completed.

IMPACTS

All construction work will be scheduled between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Continuous traffic will be maintained at all times.

This project will necessitate temporary lane closures and temporary parking restrictions. Signs will be posted identifying such restrictions. Access to businesses and homes will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as flaggers manually direct traffic safely through the construction zone.

This type of project is generally characterized by some noise and dust. Please rest assured that DHS will do its best to keep the site in good housekeeping order.

We apologize in advance for any unavoidable inconvenience that the Crabbs Branch Way project may cause. We are confident that residents and users of these roadways will welcome the results of this project.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to improve this roadway for residents and users.



Refuge Island for Pedestrian Crossing



Example of an ADA Compliant Ramp



Crosswalk with ADA ramp



Pavement Milling Machine



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NOTICE OF CRABBS BRANCH WAY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DERWOOD

SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that while repair work is proceeding, construction vehicles will be moving around. Some materials may be stored in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone. Children may be attracted to the noise and machinery, so please keep them under supervision at all times, even after the work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flaggers and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Should your questions be of a more general nature please contact our Customer Service at 240-777-6000.

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On the map, click on the **Gaithersburg East Service Area**, where information is available describing the repair process.

